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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Mamfoumbi (Gabon), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/C.7/1991/L.6

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development and efficient use of energy resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, 1/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Recalling also Assembly resolutions 40/208 of 17 December 1985 and 45/209 of 21 December 1990 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Recalling further its resolutions 1987/10 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/6 of 22 May 1989,

1/ General Assembly resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex.

Recognizing that revitalization of the economic growth and development of developing countries and the process of integration of economies in transition into the world economy may lead in certain cases to an increase in energy demand,

Recognizing also that in view of increased energy demand, new and additional investments and strengthened energy policies, including conservation and efficient management of energy resources, will be needed to prevent energy shortages,

Concerned that shortage of energy in developing countries is causing serious disruption of economic activities,

Affirming that the exploitation of energy sources in developing countries, including the tapping of available hydropower potential and other sources of energy, adequately harnessed with appropriate capital and technological inputs, could help to contribute to the solution of energy shortages in those countries,

Reaffirming that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for their strategies and policies for the exploration and development of their energy resources, including the need to mobilize financial resources, internal and external, in order to develop their national technical skills and capabilities in the energy sector,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on energy resources; 3/
2. Reaffirms the need for the United Nations system to intensify its efforts to promote the international exchange of experience and knowledge and the flow of efficient technologies, especially new and emerging ones, to developing countries;
3. Acknowledges the need to facilitate access for developing countries to energy efficient technologies and research, and in that context, calls upon the United Nations system and developed countries to support the development of national endeavours of developing countries as well as regional and interregional cooperation;
4. Calls upon the international community, including developed countries, to make available to the developing countries technology and financial resources in order to enable them to fully unfold their potential capabilities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, including their vast potential hydropower;
5. Urges multilateral and regional financial institutions, as well as donor countries, to allocate financial resources, so as to promote programmes

3/ E/C.7/1991/9, E/C.7/1991/12 and E/C.7/1991/13.

and technical cooperation projects to support energy resource development in the developing countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session a report on trends and salient issues in energy, including information on ways and means of enhancing both energy efficiency and conservation, as well as of increasing the development of economically viable energy resources, and containing the relevant conclusions and recommendations of international and regional seminars, workshops and conferences organized by the United Nations that address energy issues;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee at its thirteenth session a report on ways and means by which the energy policy objectives proposed by the World Bank to the developing countries and the policies and objectives contained in General Assembly resolution 45/199 on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade could correspond;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the Committee at its thirteenth session on programmes under way and planned for human resources development in the field of energy, including, inter alia, measures for required institutional strengthening through advisory services, on-the-job training, external fellowships and comprehensive training packages.
